

REMARKS

The Amendment

Claim 1 is amended to insert oxo in the description of R_4 . Support for the amendment can be found in the later parts in the claim that state multiple times "when $R_4 = \text{oxo}$." This amendment is necessary to correct the obvious omission.

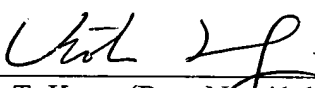
Claim 1 is further amended to correct the second R_6 to R_5 in the second to the last line. This amendment is necessary to correct the obvious typographical error in the description "provided that when B is cytosine, then $R_6 \neq \text{oxo}$, when $R_4 = \text{oxo}$, $Y = Z = \text{OH}$ and $R_6 = R_7 = R_8 = \text{H}$, and $n + m = 2$ " where R_6 appears twice.

Claim 13 is amended to an independent claim. This amendment is necessary to correct the claim dependency because the compound $\text{P}^1\text{-(2'-deoxycytidine 5'-)-P}^4\text{-(uridine 5'-)}$ tetraphosphate is excluded in Claim 1 (see the last proviso of Claim 1).

No new matter is added in any of the above amendments. The amendments merely correct obvious error and do not raise a new issue or require a new search. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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